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Looks like we're on track for NOAA to sign tomorrow.

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All--

I updated the letter with Dave P's edit and added some more detail to note that all TMDLs would be completed by 2021 and that we received the schedule in July 2011 so its clear what document we're referring too. I just briefed my mngt and he was fine with what we are saying although wanted to read it over once more. He said he'll sign tomorrow.

The updated letter is attached.

Allison

On Wed, Dec 19, 2012 at 10:25 AM, <Powers.David@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative

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Allison Castellan - NOAA Federal ---12/18/2012 06:33:53 PM---THanks guys. Just checking email quickly at home. I think I should be able to add something along t

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THanks guys. Just checking email quickly at home. I think I should be able to add something along the lines of Dave C.'s suggestion for the schedule. Will insert that and Dave C's additional edits into the final first thing tomorrow before our briefing at 10:30 am ET (so hopefully no more changes ;)). I don't think my mngt should have a lot of edits at this point since its been reviewed so thoroughly but I'll let you know if they want to make any more tweaks.

Allison

On Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 9:19 PM, <Croxtan.David@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

Allison, Some more considerations from us for the letter---agghh!.

1) The attachment is a tracked version of the letter that includes some minor edits to the letter from me in cyan. I think they are legitimate edits, but I'll defer to you on whether you include them. The edits in red are from the earlier mark-up from Jayne.

(See attached file: OR CZARA Initial Assessment Cvr Ltr Final 12-18-12 Tracked.docx)

Ex. 5 - Deliberative

As required by the Settlement Agreement, the ODEQ proposed a schedule for developing IR-TMDLS for all Coastal subbasins. EPA and NOAA conclude that this proposed schedule provides a reasonable timeline for implementing the State's additional management measures for forestry.

3) Beware that when I attempted to create a final, untracked version of the letter, the font for this 4th paragraph kept changing from the tracked version so that it was inconsistent with the rest of the letter's font. Hopefully you won't have the same problem or know how to correct it better than I.

4) And lastly, sorry for the last minute adjustments and thanks for finalizing.

Dave

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I think a single sentence on DEQ's commitment to complete IR TMDLs throughout the CMZ or area covered by the CNPCP would suffice (Allison would know the correct CMZ language) . Below are the two paragraphs from the letter where such a sentence logically fits. I've inserted sample language where I think it fits in italics for others to edit.

The EPA and NOAA negotiated the settlement agreement based in part on the commitments that the ODEQ had made in its July 21, 2010, and July 26, 2010, letters responding to the EPA and NOAA's May 12, 2010, letter. In these letters, the ODEQ explained its continuing progress and deliberate intention to complete the Mid-Coast IR-TMDLs, which would have included specific safe-harbor BMPs, by June 30, 2012. The ODEQ also stated its intention to meeting other interim milestones, including providing examples of the safe-harbor BMPs, and additional detail on how the IR-TMDLs would address landslide prone areas and road management concerns ,and has proposed completing IR TMDLs in all of Oregon's coastal management zone basins by 2021. As you know, the ODEQ did not complete the Mid-Coast IR-TMDLs by June 30, 2012 and did not provide examples of safe-harbor BMPs or details about how the IR-TMDLs would address landslide prone areas or road management concerns. Instead, the ODEQ notified the EPA and NOAA that the Mid-Coast IR-TMDLs will not be completed until June 30, 2013, or later.

The EPA and NOAA recognize the complexities that Oregon faces in pursuing this new IR-TMDL approach and the extensive effort expended by the ODEQ's staff and management toward ensuring its success. For example, the ODEQ has held numerous stakeholder advisory and technical workgroup meetings and has

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I think we can still add those to the letter. Our Office Director is looking for positive things to add to the letter, so this would be one.

I'll let Dave C know about these additions to the letter. Could you come up with the language? Otherwise, I'll give it a shot. I imagine 1-2 sentences. Unfortunately, Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy so please feel free to send directly to Dave C, and I'll be working on this later today. I left Dave C a message about this, too.

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Dave--

You bring up a very good point. Our letter perhaps should speak to the timeline and the fact that we found it acceptable although I'm not sure its the end of the world if we don't include. Since Dan's already reviewed, is it too late to change? Jenny, what are your thoughts?

Allison

On Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 5:23 PM, <Powers.David@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

Jenny and Allison - I'm good to go with the latest version of the letter but wanted to double back to you to make sure we've addressed the full scope of provision 5(b) of the settlement agreement and what the State has provided to EPA. We make it clear that there is significant work to be done in the IR/TMDL & management measure/BMP areas...does our letter need to acknowledge OR's proposed schedule for developing IR TMDLs for all the Coastal subbasins listed below by 2021? Provisions 3 and 5 have some overlap. I don't think its absolutely necessary but wanted you two to at least think about it since the red pen rests with you and since we've indicated to DEQ we are fine with the schedule DEQ provided for completing IR TMDLs in the CZM. I also talked to Nina after she rec'd the proposed schedule below. While she would rather have seen a specific date for each sub-basin, she recognized the timing uncertainty that far out and didn't think it was that big of a deal since they've agreed to completing IR TMDLs in CZM basins beyond the Mid-Coast. I don't remember references in our cover letter or enclosure to DEQ's commitment and timeline. Now, if DEQ could just get the first IR TMDL done.... If this is off base of too complicated at this point I understand. You have the info you need here should you decide to add something. You don't need to get back to me.

Final Settlement Agreement:

3. In their review of ODEQ's proposed schedule for implementing the Oregon Coastal TMDL Approach throughout Oregon's CNPCP management area, EPA and NOAA will consider Advocates' comments on ODEQ's proposed schedule. EPA and NOAA shall review ODEQ's proposed schedule to ensure that it provides a reasonable timeline for implementing the State's additional management measures for forestry and that it includes developing or updating TMDLs for all sub-basins in the CNPCP management area using the Oregon Coastal TMDL Approach.

5. By December 31, 2012, pursuant to their authorities under 16 U.S.C. § 1455b(d), and based upon Oregon's July 2, 2010, Attorney General's Opinion, the July 26, 2010, ODEQ commitment letter, the schedule for implementing the Oregon Coastal TMDL approach that EPA and NOAA requested the state submit by March 31, 2011, the Mid-Coast Basin TMDLs implementing the Oregon Coastal TMDL Approach that EPA and NOAA requested the state to submit by June 30, 2012, and any other information, EPA and NOAA shall provide ODEQ with a written initial assessment. This written initial assessment will evaluate (a) whether implementation of the Oregon Coastal TMDL Approach in the Mid-Coast Sub-basins, including the safe harbor BMPs, is likely to result in actions that achieve and maintain water quality standards, and (b) whether Oregon's plan for developing and updating TMDLs for all sub-basins in the CNPCP management area using the Oregon Coastal TMDL Approach could satisfy the outstanding forestry condition on Oregon's CNPCP under 16 U.S.C. § 1455b(b)(3). In developing their initial assessment, EPA and NOAA shall consider any comments Plaintiff may have submitted with respect to ODEQ's proposed TMDLs and BMPs. EPA and NOAA shall send a copy of the written initial assessment to Plaintiff.

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 Subject: RE: document request

as requested,

A link to the TMDL IMD
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/standards/docs/toxics/humanhealth/rulemaking/TMDLIMD.pdf>

And the schedule for IR-TMDL development in the CZMA:
 Mid-Coast: IR-TMDL completed June 2012 (more likely completion by Sept. 2013)
 Coos: IR-TMDL
 Rogue: IR-TMDL
 Umpqua IR-TMDL
 Sixes and Chetco: IR-TMDL
 Coquille: IR-TMDL
 North Coast IR-TMDL
 2021 IR-TMDLs completed in the CZM

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Hi Allison, I just talked with Dave Croxton, and it looks like our Office Director will have some changes to the letter. I expect that they will be minor changes regarding tone, but they'll be changes nevertheless. So look in your email for the latest copy tomorrow morning which we'll send COB today. I noticed in the most recent copy of the letter Jayne sent yesterday, there are different fonts, so I'll also make those changes in the next letter.

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Subject: Re: NOAA briefing on OR CZARA initial assessment letter delayed until tomorrow a.m.

Thanks Jenny. My briefing ended up getting pushed back until tomorrow morning so I'll pdf a copy of the signed letter as soon as I get it and will put a hard copy in the mail as well.

On Tue, Dec 18, 2012 at 1:05 PM, <Wu.Jennifer@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dave P and Allison - that sounds good. Dave C and I are covering for Jayne while she's on vacation to get the letter through our chain, so feel free to send us the pdf of the letter signed by NOAA, then we will wrap everything else up here, getting signatures and sending out the final letter to everyone. Dave C and I are both leaving on vacation next week, so hopefully, we'll have the letter out by the end of the this week. If there are any problems, feel free to let us know, and we'll make arrangements.

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The NOAA briefing on the OR CZARA initial assessment letter is delayed until 10:00am tomorrow. Allison Castellan, NOAA's CZARA programs lead, will let EPA know how their briefing goes. I gave Allison a download on our briefing. I let her know about the importance of EPA letting some of the key players know that the initial assessment letter was coming...and that we would be developing a brief desk statement to help ensure we send a consistent message on inquiries.

Allison and I think that the letter and enclosure are on target. We can stress in our calls to the State the urgency/ importance of making progress on the BMP/management measure front...DEQ will need to have external cover to allow more progress on development of BMPs that go beyond status quo. Our message could also give ODF the impetus to move their FPA riparian rulemaking forward expeditiously and provide some cover for ODF with the timber industry on why they need to do so.

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